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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	<b>Application No.</b> 09/998,455	<b>Applicant(s)</b> DECEMBER, TIMOTHY S.	
	<b>Examiner</b> Kishor Mayekar	<b>Art Unit</b> 1753	

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**Period for Reply**

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

#### Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 19 May 2004.  
 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.  
 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

#### Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-24 is/are pending in the application.  
 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.  
 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.  
 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-24 is/are rejected.  
 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.  
 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

#### Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.  
 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).  
 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

#### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).  
 a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:  
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.  
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.  
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).  
 \* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

#### Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)  | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)<br>Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)  | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)             |
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## DETAILED ACTION

### *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103*

1. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.
2. Claims 1, 2 and 4-21 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over PALAIKA et al. (6,248,225), for reasons as of record.
3. Claims 3 and 23-24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over PALAIKA '225 as applied to claims 1, 2 and 4-21 above, and further in view of ODA et al. (5,635,251) or WATANABE et al. (4,761,212), both references cited by Applicant. The difference between PALAIKA and the instant claims is each of the subject matter recited in the instant claims.

As to the subject matter of claim 3, ODA shows in coating process the aqueous coating compositions (A) and (B) can be applied wet-on-wet by optional methods in accordance with the intended use such as by spraying, electrostatic

deposition and electrodeposition see abstract (col. 5, lines 33-37). WATANABE shows the same in a multiple coating method (see abstract and col. 8, lines 46-52). The subject matter as a whole would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to have modified PALAIKA's teachings as shown by either ODA or WATANABE because the selection of any of known equivalent deposition method would have been within the level of ordinary skill in the art.

As to the subject matter of claim 22, WATANABE shows the use of solventborne coating composition (col. 4, lines 30-34).

As to the subject matter of claims 23 and 24, ODA shows the above limitations (col. 5, lines 17-25).

### ***Response to Arguments***

4. Applicant's arguments filed May 19, 2004 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

In response to Applicant's argument that there is no disclosure or suggestion in PALAIKA of curing the coating to appoint that the coating has a conductivity of

at least 130S/cm, the Examiner would like to bring Applicant's attention to PALAIKA's disclosure in col. 4, lines 50-60 the conductivity of the deposited film is greater than or equal to  $10^{-12}$  mhos/cm (S/cm).

To the argument that the argument the roughness as for claim 15, since Applicant discloses in paragraph [0158] that surface roughness exceeding 15  $\mu$ m is deemed unacceptable in the automotive manufacturing industry and since PALAIKA's process is related to the automotive industry (col. 1, lines 20-26), it appears that the PALAIKA's multiplayer coating is within the recited surface roughness, in absence of evidence to the contrary.

### *Conclusion*

5. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is

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filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kishor Mayekar whose telephone number is (571) 272-1339. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nam Nguyen can be reached on (571) 272-1342. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

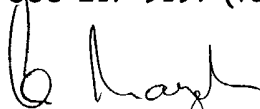
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